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SUBJ: PRESS GUIDANCE - AMBASSADOR'S MEETING IN PARIS JULY 28-29

IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT HAYNES/HANDYSIDE/ANDERSON MEETING IN
PARIS BECOMES KNOWN TO PRESS, SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE,
SUBJECT TO COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES, TO BE USED ONLY ON
IF-ASKED BASIS:

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE REASON FOR THE MEETING OF THE AMERICAN
AMBASSADORS IN ALGIERS, NOUAKCHOTT AND RABAT?

ANSWER: THIS IS AN INFORMAL MEETING TO ENABLE THE THREE
AMBASSADORS -- OUR AMBASSADOR IN ALGIERS HAS ONLY RECENTLY
ARRIVED AT HIS POST -- TO BECOME ACQUAINTED AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS
ON OUR RELATIONS WITH THE THREE COUNTRIES.

QUESTION: WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE MEETING?

ANSWER: JUST THE THREE AMBASSADORS - AMBASSADOR HOLSEY HANDYSIDE
FROM NOUAKCHOTT, AMBASSADOR ULRIC HAYNES FROM ALGIERS, AND
AMBASSADOR ROBERT ANDERSON FROM RABAT.

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QUESTION: WHY WAS PARIS SELECTED FOR THE SITE OF THE MEETING?

ANSWER: PARIS IS AN EASILY ACCESSIBLE SPOT FROM EACH OF THE
THREE CAPITALS.

QUESTION: DOES THIS MEETING SIGNIFY A NEW AMERICAN DEPARTURE
TO TRY AND RESOLVE THE CONFLICT BETWEEN MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA
ON THE ONE HAND AND ALGERIA ON THE OTHER?

ANSWER: ABSOLUTELY NOT.

QUESTION: IS THIS MEETING A PRELUDE TO A FORMAL STATEMENT BY
THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ON THE RECOGNITION OR NON-RECOGNITION
OF THE INCORPORATION OF WESTERN SAHARA INTO MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA?

ANSWER: NO. NO NEW POLICY INITIATIVES WHATSOEVER ARE BEING
UNDERTAKEN.

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